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INTRODUCTION OF LOCOMOTIVES ON CNG FUEL
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a)Whether the Railways proposed to run locomotives on green CNG fuel;

(b) If so, the details thereof and the estimated cost savings on the introduction of locomotives on CNG fuel; and

(c) The time by which the CNG locomotives will be introduced?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. However, trials are being conducted to run one Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) with Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) on Northern Railway. Operating cost of CNG based diesel Multiple Unit is expected to be 25% less in financial terms, than diesel based DMUs with a salutary effect on exhaust gas emission.

(c) Does not arise.